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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In addition to the claims submitted with the amendment submitted by mail on September 6, 2002, please add the following claims:

50. Orthopaedic footgear with resilient support for the foot, comprising:

an outer sole;

an inner sole mounted in said footgear above said outer sole, said inner sole having a plurality of independently vertically movable resilient sections arranged in a grid pattern, said independently vertically movable sections having upper surfaces which together form an upper surface for engagement by the foot;

said resilient sections being directly adjacent one another to form said grid;

said upper surface of said sections being of soft resilient material and being directly exposed for direct engagement with the foot of the user or a sock or stocking on the foot of the user; and

said grid pattern of resilient sections constituting a multiplicity of sections that sway laterally independently of one another in response to forces applied by the foot, thereby reducing shear stresses on the bottom of a foot as the user walks along.

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